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MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

At 4:00 p.m.

This meeting was held by remote participation through Zoom, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 10, 2020, suspending certain provisions of M.G.L. ch. 30A.

Meeting started at 4:05 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Chair Nicole Murati Ferrer (present); Chief Gerard Mahoney (present); Commissioner Branville Bard (present).

Staff member in attendance: Elizabeth Y. Lint

No public testimony was taken.

1. Discussion of Governor's Executive Order of June 1, 2020.

Summary: Restaurants could open "today" for patio service only. Indoor seating will resume at a later date.

2. Discussion of ABCC's Advisory regarding the Governor's Executive Order of June 1, 2020. The ABCC advisory reminded licensees of the patio guidelines adopted in 2015, which are still in effect.

Summary: Reminders were sent to licensees.

3. Discussion of House Bill/Adopted Law/Law.

Summary: There is a House Bill 4774 was passed by the House but hasn't been voted upon. It mirrors the Governors Executive order allowing licensees to reopen and the procedures.

4. Discussion of process for review of applications seeking temporary extension of patios, including but not limited to, manner in which they will be reviewed, delegation of voting rights/approvals.

Summary: Multiple departments in the City, DPW Traffic and Parking, License and Law, worked to create a "one-stop-shop" application. Clarifying procedures have been posted. The idea is to get these approved expeditiously. The Law Department issued an opinion which allows the Board to designate one person to review the applications and issues them administratively, not during a public hearing, and they would then be ratified at a later date by the Board. All Board members supported the idea of having a designee review the application, deny/approve with

There will be a set standard of conditions, in addition to the current rules and regulations, i.e. safety regulations which the state has promulgated; no live entertainment; background music is allowed until 11:00 p.m. or current approved closing hour, whichever is earlier; any new patio will have a closing hour of 11:00 p.m.; current approved licensees may stay open until their regular closing hour; any additional seating, due to Covid-19, must stop being in use at 11:00 p.m. Because there will not be public hearings so the public can't weigh in, the closing hour is 11:00 p.m. Under the Executive Order, outdoor entertainment is not allowed. This is addressed in Phase 1. This is to prevent people from gathering. Takeout and delivery may continue. No one can go into the premises unless using the rest room or picking up an order. Conditions imposed by other departments will be enforced.

By roll call vote, the Board voted 3-0 to approve new patio closing hour to 11:00 p.m.

By roll call vote, the Board voted 3-0 to allow currently approved patios to remain open until their currently approved hour.

By roll call vote, the Board voted 3-0 to allow currently approved patios to remain open until their currently approved hour but any extension of the currently approved patio must cease operation at 11:00 p.m. or their current closing hour, whichever is earlier.

By roll call vote, the Board voted 3-0 to find that all other items are regulations issued by the Governor and must be complied with.

By roll call vote, the Board voted 3-0 to recommend that no one may enter the premises unless using the rest room or picking up a takeout order. People can only enter one by one and there can be no congregating.

By roll call vote, the Board voted 3-0 that any conditions imposed by other departments will be added to the permit conditions.

6. Application #75200 Review of Change to an Existing License application for Naco Taco, holder of Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11549 at 297 Massachusetts Avenue, to use Village Street for a patio.

Decision: Board voted to defer decision until all necessary paperwork is submitted.

7. Application #74685 Review of Change to an Existing License application for Summer Shack, holder of Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11651 at 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, to expand their patio into their parking lot.

Decision: Board voted to defer decision until all necessary paperwork is submitted.

8. Application #75143 Review of Change to an Existing License application for Forage, holder of Common Vicutaller All Alcohol License #11566 at 5 Craigie Circle, to use the parking lot for a patio.

Decision: application stopped; see Application #75570

7. Application #74685 Review of Change to an Existing License application for Summer Shack, holder of Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11651 at 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, to expand their patio into their parking lot.

Decision: Board voted to defer decision until all necessary paperwork is submitted.

8. Application #75143 Review of Change to an Existing License application for Forage, holder of Common Vicutaller All Alcohol License #11566 at 5 Craigie Circle, to use the parking lot for a patio.

Decision: No action/acknowledgment that the application was stopped/rejected because it was a duplicate of application #75570 (which is the new application for the temporary extension).

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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